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HEIRESES AND MATRIMONY

The Chicago Woman's club, which is known as both exclusive and wealthy in its membership, proposes that its mothers shall train their daughters to make good wives for poor young men. This is a distinct departure among the dowagers of that city who, it has been understood, have hitherto regarded the possession of dollars as at least one essential element of eligibility. But these mothers appear to have daughters with minds of their own upon the vital question of matrimony. One of them is quoted as making this wise comment: "A girl never knows what kind of a man she will marry. She may fall in love with a poor young man, whose salary will preclude the possibility of keeping servants." There sounds a note of unconscious sadness in this conclusion. But it is in reality a cause for rejoicing, not alone to the young men of Chicago who are eligible in character, if not in wealth, but to the fair young maids as well.

The fact is that love will find a way, in Chicago as in the rest of the country. But it is encouraging to know that the daughters of the rich are going to receive systematic training for domesticity. Presumably, the instruction will include lessons in cooking, which shall include the making of bread as well as of cake, and the understanding of the range as well as the graceful superintendence of the chafing dish. The course of training may even extend to the alteration of gowns and the reconstruction of bonnets. But this announcement ought to put upon their mettle the young men of Chicago who are striving to increase inadequate incomes. They ought to meet this maternal program with the determination of intensified industry and concentrated ambition for the possession of a home. May the wedding bells ring more numerous and always joyously on the shore of Lake Michigan.

A Connecticut chemist has discovered a kind of bacteria which, when added to inferior brands of butter, will make them rival the Punxsutawney Spirit. We should rejoice and wax exceedingly glad in this knowledge were we not depressed by a haunting idea that some predatory trust will promptly corner the particular bacteria supply herein indicated.

So Mr. Roosevelt is coming home sooner than he originally expected to. It must not be concluded, however, that the recent tendency among newspapers to give somebody else's name an occasional top-o-column-next-pure-reading-matter position had anything to do with the change of program.

The president's recently expressed lukewarmness toward the "Dig her deep through Dixie" idea may have been due to New Orleans' failure to get him on the outside of two or three sazarar cocktails of the positively genuine persuasion.

Mr. Aldrich is reported to be "perfectly charmed with France." To conclude, however, that France will institute a future rigid quarantine against that gentleman would, perhaps, do a certain measure of violence to the probable.

The failure of Oklahoma's guaranteed bank-deposits law to work smoothly has been explained. A large section of the late guarantee fund was, most unfortunately, on deposit in the defunct bank.

An Alabama college professor was arrested in Anniston for calling a local policeman an "encyclopedia." It seems that one may be arrested for almost any old thing in Alabama nowadays.

In the articles of agreement between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson it is stipulated that the forthcoming fight shall continue for "forty-five rounds, or more." Still, real sporting gents will hope it means "more or less."

Professor Jack Johnson is grand old Texas' grandest young cullud pusson; of course.

CORPORATION STOCKHOLDERS

When we are told in wild-eyed language that the country is going to the demnation bow wows, and that the speed of our going is constantly being accelerated, let us ask the demagogue to pause an instant, while we reflect with him. Let us look about and see of what character of man the great majority of American citizens is composed. It is not the millionaire class nor the very poor that predominate, but the great middle class, most of them well-to-do and all in comfortable circumstances.

If evidence is needed, it can be found in a list of shareholders of corporations. Not the widows and orphans for whom some of the captains of industry are so solicitous, but the man who by his own efforts has saved some money and has invested it. More than 2,000,000 persons are stockholders in the large corporations whose shares are listed in Wall street, and probably another 2,000,000 are investors in smaller enterprises. These added to real estate owners will make fully half the voters of the land stable citizens, who favor peace and quiet pursuits to financial and industrial disturbances.

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While the democratic newspapers are consuming considerable space exploiting the presumed candidacy of Frank M. Murphy for senator of the new state of Arizona, the republican newspapers are silent, which might lead to the conclusion that neither the statehood nor the legislative eggs have as yet been hatched. Mr. Murphy, however, might succeed in landing the senatorial toga with a democratic majority in the next legislature. Stranger things than that have happened in politics. And as a last word Mr. Murphy would make a mighty good senator.

Although Mr. Taft professes to think mighty well of the Roosevelt policies, he has a few of his own sharply differentiated therefrom and in no wise to be connected therewith. His theory that the president is "merely a figurehead" knows no place in the Rooseveltian philosophy.

If \$10 is too much to pay for a seat at a banquet in honor of the president, what would be a fair price to pay for a Chautauqua ticket to hear a pitchfork United States senator talk through his hat?

Owing to the failure of the chili crop in Mexico, the output of chili con carne will be extremely limited this fall. It is an ill crop failure that blows no good, as you might say.

The Montgomery Advertiser under recent date, carried a most interesting editorial on "The Value of Cottonseed." It is agreed generally that cottonseed makes first-rate "genuine Italian olive oil."

"And the next thing we know, the politicians will be telling the truth," says the Dallas News. Evidently, you do not expect to know anything more until after the millennium has arrived.

In stating specifically and unequivocally that he did not reach the South Pole, Lieutenant Shackelford seems to have escaped being called several kinds of a liar.

A physician says that no woman who wishes to remain beautiful will ever speak crossly to her husband. Is the doctor married? And what does she look like?

Boozeville, Ga., was wiped off of the map by a cyclone. Boozy propositions of all kinds seem to be experiencing hard luck in Georgia.

The speaker is a militant standpatter, all right. He plays the game as if he were pretty well satisfied with his hand.

Horrors! The Brownsville case has broken out again. How can we ever hope to get to the end of the North Pole row?

Why should Mr. Aldrich bother with Mr. Fowler? Mr. Fowler has not accumulated any Taft indorsements yet, has he?

Having put the stillworm out of existence down Dixiway, it is now proposed by reformers to put the hookworm in like condition.

Fortunately, the average campaign editorial set in box-car letters is exceedingly easy to forget.

Jeffries says he will fight in April. It is not April 1 he has in mind, it is to be hoped.

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